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TAGS: UNGA, ET
SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION TO UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DIS-
ARMAMENT

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1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT MISS (WOIZERIT) KONJIT SINE-
GHIORGIS, COUNSELOR IN ETHIOPIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
(MOFA) INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, AND MR. (ATO)
WONDWOSSEN HAILU, DIRECTOR, MOFA EUROPEAN DIVISION, WILL
ACCOMPANY FONMIN FELEKE TO NEW YORK FOR UN SSOD. KONJIT HAS
ATTENDED NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, INCLUDING UNGA
SESSIONS IN THE PAST AND IS LIKELY TO REMAIN IN NEW YORK
FOR DURATION OF SSOD. SHE IS WELL AND VERY FAVORABLY KNOWN
TO EMBASSY AND WILL PROBABLY BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF ETHIOPIAN
DELEGATION. SHE IS HIGHLY COMPETENT AND SHOULD BE A GOOD
CONTACT DURING SESSION.

2. WONDWOSSEN IS FORMER MEMBER OF CIVILIAN POLITBURO WHO
JOINED MOFA TOWARD END OF 1977. HE IS US EDUCATED AND WAS
LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR FOR PEACE CORPS IN US. HE HAS VACILATED
IN PUBLIC POSTURE WITH WESTERN DIPLOMATS BETWEEN EXTREMELY
HARDLINE MARXIST-LENINIST POSITION AND DISILLUSIONED REVOL-
UTIONARY WHO IS DISSATISFIED WITH DIRG. EMBASSY UNCERTAIN
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HOW WONDWOSSEN MIGHT REACT OUTSIDE OF ETHIOPIAN CONTEXT AND
BELIEVES HE WORTH APPROACHING BY MISSION OFFICERS ABOUT INTER-
NAL ETHIOPIAN SITUATION AND ETHIOPIAN GOVT ATTITUDES TOWARD
US. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER WONDWOSSEN WILL STAY FOR ENTIRE
SESSION.
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